

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at pages 15, line 14, with the following rewritten paragraph:

-- Referring to FIGS. 3 and 7, the body member 11 comprises a generally cylindrical outer surface 16 having a first end 18 and a second end 20. The body member 11 may be constructed of materials well known in the art which may include but should not be limited to steel, bronze, brass, copper, aluminum, plastic, ceramic, or rubber, as well as suitable combinations thereof. The first end 18 of the body member 11 includes a cavity 22 and a driving means. In the preferred embodiment the cavity 22 includes an engaging surface 26, the engaging surface tapering inwardly beginning at the first end and extending toward the second end of the body member 11. In the preferred embodiment the engaging surface includes a self-holding taper such as a ~~Morse, Brown & Sharpe (Jarno), American National Standard Machine Taper (Jacobs), British Standard Tapers~~ MORSE, BROWN & SHARPE (JARNO), AMERICAN NATIONAL STANDARD MACHINE TAPER (JACOBS), BRITISH STANDARD TAPERS and the like all well known in the art. Alternatively, self-releasing tapers well known in the art suitable for circumferential expansion of the upper portion 28 of the body member 11 may be used. The driving means comprises at least one and preferably a plurality of driving surfaces 24. In the preferred embodiment the driving surfaces 24 are constructed and arranged to cooperate with a standard hex wrench (not shown). However, it should be noted that other spline and slot type driving sockets well

known in the art suitable for inserting and removing threaded fasteners may also be used. The second end 20 of the set screw body is constructed and arranged as a clamping surface 30 (FIG. 2). The clamping surface 30 in the preferred embodiment is a flat point. However, it should be noted that other set screw points (not shown) such as a dog point, half dog point, cup point, oval point, cone point or knurled point, all well known in the art, may be utilized with the instant invention. The body member 11 preferably includes a radially projecting means for engaging the inner surface of an aperture illustrated herein as outwardly and circumferentially extending rib(s) 32 (FIG. 2) positioned about a central axis. Each circumferentially extending rib 32 being constructed with a first ramp surface 36 to allow the set screw member to slide into the aperture and a second ramp surface 38 to allow a second clamping force as the engagement of expander 12 causes radial expansion of the set screw body 11. In further embodiments, the outer gripping surface may also include any number of surface finishes well known in the art to enhance the gripping action between the set screw body and cooperating aperture, including but not limited to, threads, knurling, snap ring grooves, generally smooth and/or tapers, or suitable combinations thereof, as well as other surfaces suitable for providing adequate grip between the set screw body 11 and the inner surface of an aperture 40 to secure an assembly. The upper portion 28 of the body 11 includes at least one generally vertical slot 48 extending from the upper portion 28 of the set screw body 11 toward the second end 30. The vertical slot(s) 48 facilitates translation of the radial and outward forces created upon insertion of the

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expander member within the upper portion 28 of the body member 1 into a relatively uniform circumferential expansion of said body member 11. –

Please replace the paragraph beginning at pages 17, line 21, with the following rewritten paragraph:

-- Referring to FIGS. 4 and 8, the expander member 12 comprises a body 46 having a first end 42 and a second end 44. The outer surface 48 in the preferred embodiment having a frustaconical taper generally conjugate to the taper within the set screw body cavity 22. In the preferred embodiment the outer surface taper 48 is a self-holding taper such as a ~~Morse, Brown & Sharpe (Jarno), American National Standard Machine Taper (Jacobs, British Standard Tapers~~ MORSE, BROWN & SHARPE (JARNO), AMERICAN NATIONAL STANDARD MACHINE TAPER (JACOBS), BRITISH STANDARD TAPERS or the like all well known in the art. Alternatively, other tapers well known in the art suitable for circumferential expansion of the upper portion 28 of the set screw body 11 may be used. The expander member 12 may include an inner bore 50 extending inwardly from said first end of said expander member along a longitudinal centerline for gripping the expander member 12 for extraction from the set screw body 11. The inner surface may also include a driving means such as, but not limited to threads, sockets or slots for engagement with wrenches, screwdrivers and/or an extractor (not shown) used to remove or disconnect the coupling. Alternatively, the expander member 12 may include a flange 52 (FIGS. 6 and

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8) at its second end 44, the flange 52 having a larger diameter than the second end 44 of the expander member 12 to remove or disconnect the coupling. In a further alternative embodiment the outer surface of the expander body includes connection means (not shown) which allow the set screw member and the expander member to be interlocked into a coaxially aligned sub-assembly prior to insertion into an aperture. Suitable connection means include adhesives, living hinges and the like.